

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

June 20, 2006

The Honorable Conrad Burns
United States Senate
187 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Burns:

On behalf of the 2.4 million members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and our Auxiliaries, I would like to offer our support for the Funeral Honor Guard Amendment to S. 2766, of the fiscal year 2007 *National Defense Authorization Act*.

We support the Funeral Honor Guard Amendment, which would expand Veterans' Service Organizations' role in providing military honors at veterans' funerals. Our organization highly values the performance of military rights and honors associated with veterans' funerals. We recognize the rising cost to not only the government but to veterans' organizations, which perform these timeless and moving tributes. Your legislation will ensure that despite rising costs and increased demand for burial honors, our veterans' families will feel the thanks of a grateful nation.

We look forward to working with you and your staff on behalf of this legislation. As always, thank you for your continued support for servicemembers and all of America's veterans.

Sincerely,



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